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FOR: METHOD COMPRISING THE USE OF HUMAN INTERLEUKIN-11
RECEPTOR PROTEINS

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Box PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the drawings:

Please replace the drawings as filed with enclosed drawings for FIGS. 1-4.

In the specification

Insert at page 1, line 2, after the title:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to USSN 09/151,102 filed September 10, 1998, which is a divisional patent application of USSN 08/929,846, filed September 15, 1997, is a divisional patent application of USSN 08/663,584, filed June 16, 1996, which in turn claims priority to USSN 08/362,304, filed December 22, 1994. Priority is claimed to all of these referenced applications. The contents of these applications are incorporated by reference in their entireties.--

At page 24, lines 1-3, replace the text with the following:

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Clone phIL11R14-2 containing the polynucleotide having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 was deposited with ATCC at accession number 69731 on December 22, 1994.

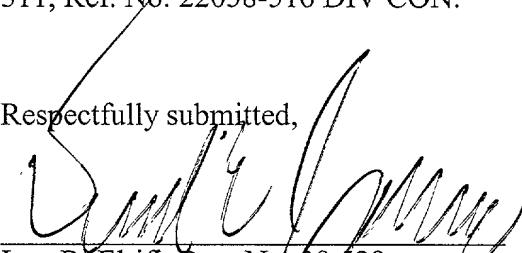
REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include priority claims made to related parent applications and to provide the ATCC number of a deposited clone. The specification has also been amended to replace the informal drawings in the application as filed with formal drawings. No new matter has been added. An appendix illustrates the amendments to the specification.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 22058-516 DIV CON.

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Appendix

In the Specification:

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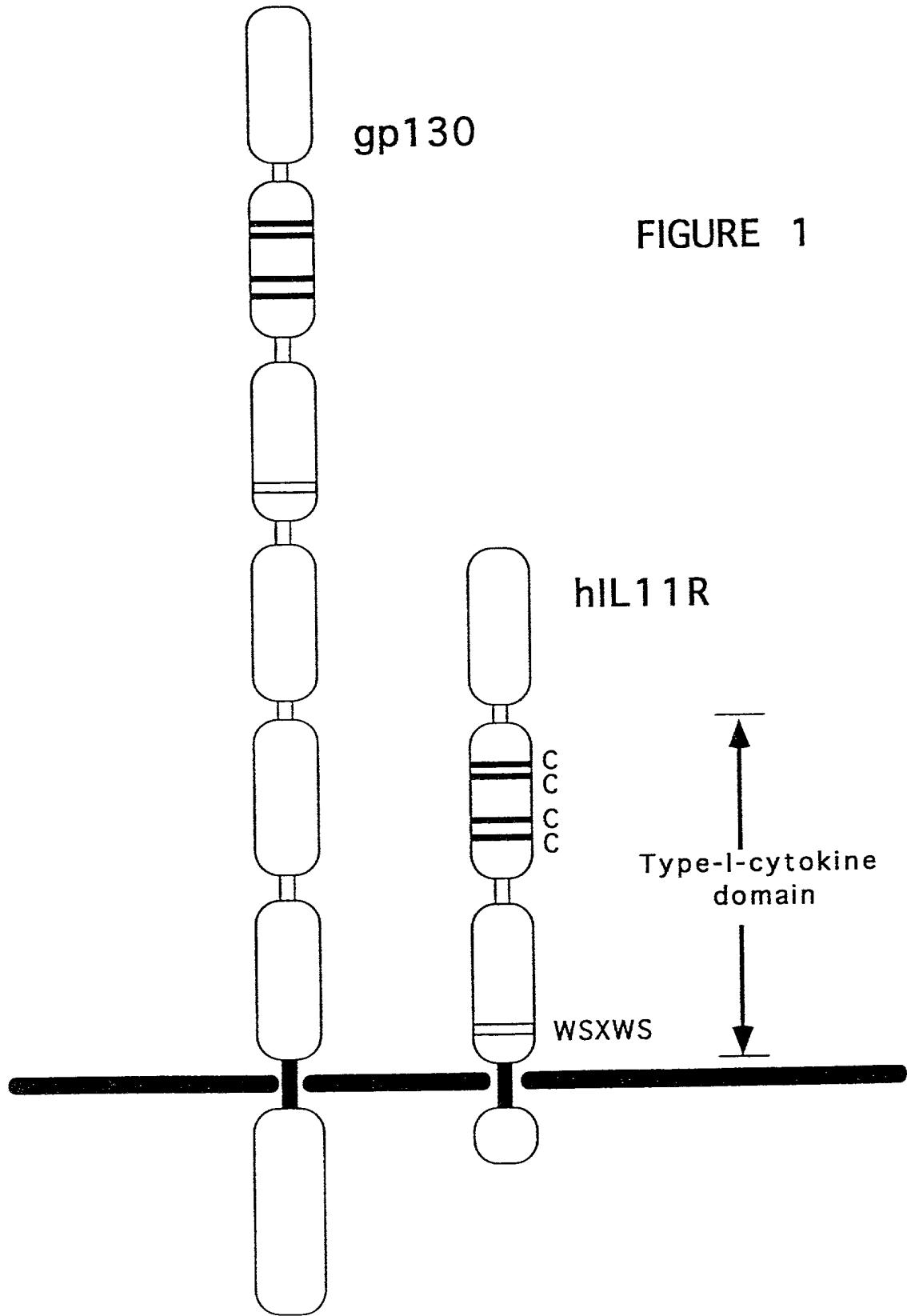


FIGURE 1

FIGURE 2

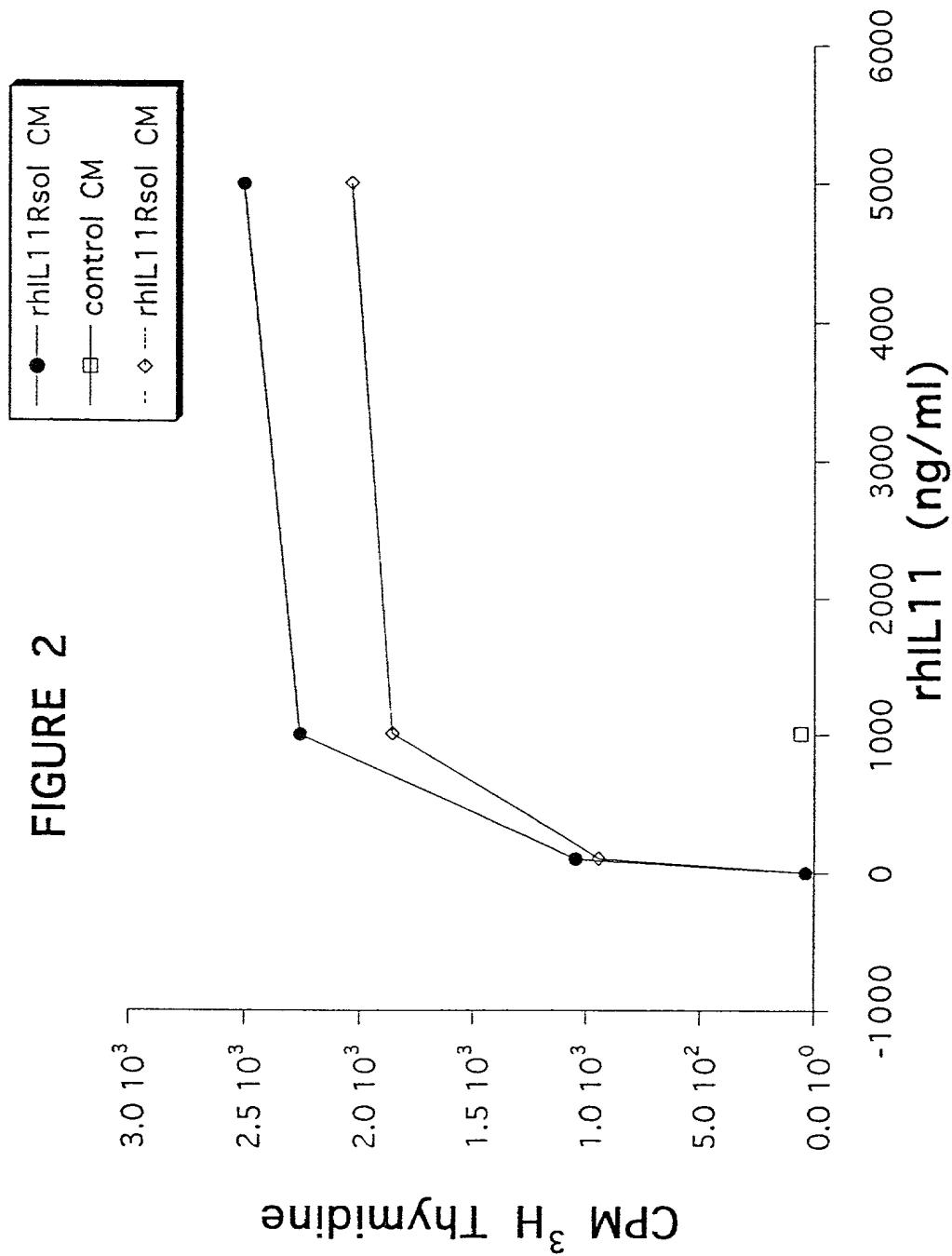


FIGURE 3

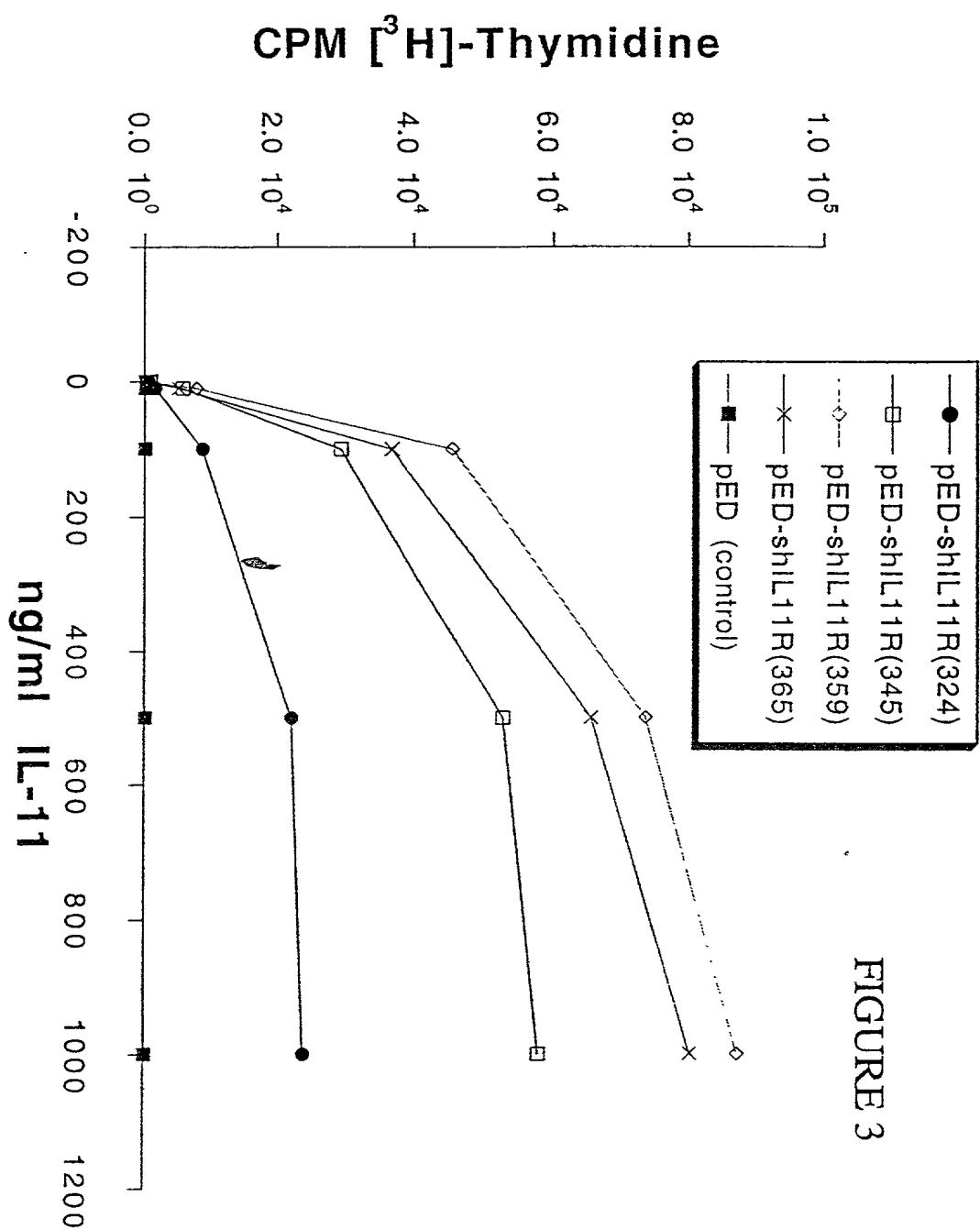


FIGURE 4

